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In response to the outstanding Official Action of September 19, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this response:

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response: